



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
July 17, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Arthur Summerville, Dr. Nathan, Marcela Campoli, Rashida Dokes, Susan Emery, Milan Patel
 Venchele Saint Dic, Betty Smith

Members Absent: Donna Cawley, Gabriela Lemus, Adam Finkelstein

County Council Staff: Tara Clemons Johnson

DHHS Staff: Dr. Davis, Dr. Ashford, Felicia Hugee, Meghan Sontag

Guests:

AGENDA ITEMS/PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS / RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Meeting call to Order– <i>Arthur Summerville III, Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. The Chair welcomed all COH members and County Council and DHHS staff to the meeting. The May Retreat minutes were approved with one person abstaining. The Annual Report for the past fiscal year was unanimously approved. New members should be approved by the County Council by the end of July 	<p><u>Motion to approve May minutes.</u> A motion was made by Susan Emery. The motion was seconded by Betty Smith. The minutes were approved with one abstention.</p> <p><u>Motion to approve annual report.</u> A motion was made by Milan Patel. The motion was seconded by Susan Emery. The annual report was unanimously approved.</p>
<p>MCDHHS Health Officer’s Report – <i>Dr. Kisha Davis, Chief Medical Officer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 cases are low*. Measles has turned down nationally. *Edit- In early August COVID-19 cases are trending slightly upward Dr. Davis is continuing to note Federal actions that will impact the ability of the County to discharge health responsibilities to County residents. The Medicaid and SNAP cuts will not take effect until after the federal mid-term election. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has released its vaccine recommendations for this fall, including the removal of thimerosal from the flu vaccine. 	

<p>DHHS Public Health Services' Chief's Report- Dr. Nina Ashford, Chief PHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to monitor State and Federal cuts State of Black Health focus groups are being finalized, contact Dr. Ashford if interested in participating 	
<p>County Council Report – Tara Clemons Johnson, Legislative Analyst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeless point-in-time count report released in June Education and Culture Committee will meet in August to talk about early childhood matters 	
<p>Deadlines for DHHS, County Executive, and County Council letters - Meghan Sontag, Program Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority Letter to County Council needs to be approved in the September meeting. DHHS and County Executive Advocacy Letters should be approved in the September or October meeting The County Council Advocacy Letter needs to be approved in the February meeting. 	
<p>Priorities - Arthur Summerville III, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission discussed the group's priorities for the year. Commissioners decided to work on the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental and Behavioral Health Food and Nutrition Physical Activity The Commissioners decided to view them in terms of the Social Determinants of Health with attention placed on the intersectionality of these priorities In November, other Boards, Committees, and Commissions should have their priorities available to COH. The Commission will use these synergies to help convince the County Executive and County Council of the importance of our requests. 	
<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.</p>	<p><u>Motion to adjourn.</u> A motion was made by Susan Emery. The motion was seconded by Betty Smith. The meeting was adjourned.</p>